

# Animal Health: Protect Your Calves. Protect the Food Supply.



## VEAL QUALITY ASSURANCE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



**1** Many medications approved for dairy calves are prohibited for use in veal calves and will cause violative residues.

**2** Syringes to be used for modified live virus vaccines (MLV) should be thoroughly rinsed with sterile water or saline after disinfecting to remove any disinfectant residue; disposable needles and syringes are preferred.

**3** Everyone responsible for treating calves should receive training in administering AHCPs. **Always read and follow label directions.**

**4** Hormone implants are strictly prohibited for use in veal calves.

### Establish a Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR)

It is the first and most important step to managing calf health and administering Animal Care Health Products (AHCP).

*Federal law restricts certain medications — including injectable and water-soluble antimicrobials — to be prescribed and used under the professional judgement of a licensed veterinarian and within the context of a valid VCPR.*

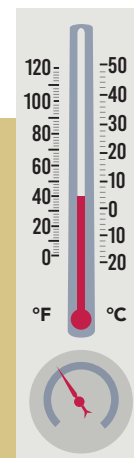
**5** Use a new or sanitized needle for each animal injection to minimize disease transmission and contamination.

**6** Administer AHCP using the approved route or method of administration. Avoid the “No Zone.” Administer injections in the neck region. Consult your veterinarian for more detailed information.



**THE NO ZONE**   
**APPROVED INJECTION ZONE** 

**7** Store AHCPs according to label instructions. Most medications should be stored in a refrigerator at a constant temperature of 35-45 degrees Fahrenheit. Keep a thermometer in the refrigerator to determine the temperature is accurate.



**8** Comply with extended withdrawal times very carefully. **Milk-fed veal calves require 2-3 times longer withdrawal period than ruminating beef calves.**

**9** Keep accurate records of all medications, vaccinations and animal health products for **two years** after marketing calves. **It is required by law.**

**THE VQA PROGRAM DOES NOT TOLERATE ANIMAL ABUSE OF ANY KIND.**  
Report any abuse or questionable activity immediately to the farm manager/owner.

